

the State Department's annual report on human rights contains extensive discussion of these issues in Saudi Arabia and catalogs U.S. concerns, which include issues involving the rights of women and religious minorities as well as incidents of arbitrary arrest and mistreatment at the hands of the authorities.

Protection of the rights of U.S. citizens abroad is a matter of international dimensions with some aspects, like child custody cases, occupying particularly the attention of the Department and our posts overseas. In Saudi Arabia, we take any allegation of mistreatment of U.S. citizens seriously and investigate it thoroughly. As needed, we have aggressively raised these allegations to the highest levels of the Saudi government. Saudi authorities are committed to administer their society in accordance with their traditions, religion, and legal framework. This has on occasion led to differences between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, particularly in regard to matters affecting dual nationals living and working in Saudi Arabia. But we believe that the U.S. Mission has been extremely effective in its role of providing American citizen services. Overall, the number of problems involving the tens of thousands of Americans who live and work in, or visit, Saudi Arabia each year has been few.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you would like to discuss these issues at greater length, we would be happy to arrange for appropriate officials to meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

WENDY R. SHERMAN,
Assistant Secretary,
Legislative Affairs.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES
POSNER'S RETIREMENT AFTER
44 YEARS WITH THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY OF BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Charles Posner as he retires from his position as executive director of the Housing Authority of the city of Bayonne. He has proudly served the Housing Authority for 44 years, retiring recently on March 31, 1995.

Mr. Charles Posner was born and raised in Bayonne. He attended Bayonne High School and upon graduation he went to Rutgers University to receive a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration. He has been married to his lovely wife the former Gertrude Landau for 46 years. They have two beautiful daughters, Ellen and Eva.

Mr. Charles Posner was appointed to serve as the tenant selection supervisor on March 15, 1951. He served diligently for 13 years in this post and on December 15, 1964 was appointed to serve as assistant executive director of the Housing Authority. He served with dedication, commitment and pride in all of his appointments. His hard work and determination made Mr. Charles Posner an outstanding leader among his fellow coworkers. His qualifications and outstanding work made him the best person to be appointed executive director of the Housing Authority on Dec. 3, 1983.

Mr. Charles Posner's dedication to his work has made the Housing Authority an excellent

institution. The Housing Authority's outstanding service is due greatly to Mr. Charles Posner's leadership qualities and endless effort to create a better organization.

Few people understand the importance of low cost housing for the poor, elderly, and disadvantaged better than Mr. Charles Posner. Affordable housing for a poor family can be the beginning of a new life. Mr. Charles Posner is sensitive to the needs of those that are less fortunate. Public housing is more than just bricks and mortar, it is about creating a better community that will enable its people to prosper.

Mr. Charles Posner is truly an exceptional person and model citizen. In addition to his work with the Bayonne Housing Authority, Mr. Charles Posner also served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America in World War II. His valor and bravery is commendable. I am very proud to have had such an outstanding man work in my district. Please join me in honoring Mr. Charles Posner as he embarks on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MANUEL N. ORTIZ
ARROYO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Manuel Ortiz Arroyo for his personal vision, professional achievement, and unswerving dedication to his community. Professionally, Manuel works as a development consultant specializing in communications, area planning, real estate development, and venture capital formation. He is the executive director of the Carroll Gardens Associations, Inc. Neighborhood Preservation Corp., and has served in similar capacities in Manhattan.

Mr. Arroyo's academic background and training is impressive. He obtained a M.S. in community economic development, a M.S.W. in policy and planning, and a B.A. in politics from Old Westbury/SUNY. Manuel has also completed 39 credits toward a masters of urban planning.

Manuel Arroyo also recognizes the absolute need to empower people and communities, and has been involved in organizations such as the Progress/Puerto Rican Organization for Growth and Self Sufficiency, the Statewide Hispanic Housing Corp., the National Economic Development & Law Center, and the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition. I am honored to recognize Mr. Arroyo for his personal, professional, and community contributions to the great Borough of Brooklyn.

TRIBUTE TO LOU SEPERSKY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, Community Board No. 6 of Manhattan honored Louis Sepersky, its immediate past chair. It is a fitting tribute to an outstanding New Yorker who has dedicated his life to service to, and advocacy for, his community at the grassroots level.

I have known Lou Sepersky for more than 30 years, and I am proud to call him a friend and to have worked with him as a colleague in the many challenges we shared. In addition to his serving as chair of Community Board No. 6, Lou's many positions of leadership at the local and national level include service as a district leader on Manhattan's East Side and as New York City chapter president of Americans for Democratic Action.

Mr. Speaker, too often we forget that this Nation was built through the achievements of citizens who exhibited uncommon character, determination, and ability to bring about change for the betterment of their fellow citizens. Lou Sepersky is one such outstanding citizen.

It is most fitting that Community Board No. 6 should honor Lou Sepersky, and that we honor him and Americans like him, who care enough to make a difference.

RECOGNIZING JOHN LINDL AND
MICHAEL CAMPBELL

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, for decades, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory [LLNL] has made a decisive contribution to America's technological leadership. Our national security has been enhanced and our energy future made more promising because of the lab's remarkable efforts.

Recently two of LLNL's most outstanding scientists, John Lindl and Michael Campbell, have been selected to receive the Department of Energy's prestigious E.O. Lawrence Award for their work in inertial confinement fusion. John Lindl is from my home town of Danville, while Michael Campbell hails from Livermore, also in the 10th Congressional District I am honored to represent.

The Lindl-Campbell research may eventually lead to creation of a miniature star in the laboratory, and help in the development of fusion energy. Their research also may well lead to gains in nuclear nonproliferation efforts and in the monitoring of America's nuclear weapons stockpiles.

The E.O. Lawrence Award is given for work in eight categories; Lindl and Campbell's was for work in the national security arena. I am pleased to recognize the superb work these scientists are doing on behalf of our security and our energy future, and would emphasize that the Lawrence Award once again proves the value of our national laboratories to our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE CATHOLIC WAR
VETERANS OF THE USA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives my great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding veterans organization. This year the Department of Ohio, Catholic War

Veterans of the USA will hold their 50th anniversary convention May 5-7, in Sandusky, OH.

The city of Sandusky is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. It is an appropriate host to this most special of guests, the Catholic War Veterans. As a veteran myself, I am aware of the exemplary service rendered by groups such as the CWV. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or volunteer labor for its many projects.

Several years ago, I was honored to be chosen Outstanding Legislator of the Year by the Department of Ohio, Catholic War Veterans. It is one of the most cherished honors I have received in my years of public service.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon past accomplishments. They are also a time to look toward new horizons. The Catholic War Veterans have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind.

It is obvious that the people of Ohio and our Nation as a whole have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1945. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Department of Ohio, Catholic War Veterans and encourage them to continue to build upon their proud tradition of service in Ohio.

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a few very important people from eastern Long Island. Mike Leonardi, Rita Rech, Terri Germano, and Paul Casiano will all be honored on Friday May 5, 1995 for their exemplary service to the community by receiving the Bay Area Civic Association's Third Annual Citizen of the Year Award. Each of these individuals has distinguished themselves in the community in his or her own way. Mike Leonardi is not only the Mastic Beach fire commissioner, but an assistant to the Brookhaven Town Council. Rita Rech is an active member of both the Bay Area Civic Association and the Mastic Park Civic Association. She embodies the true volunteer spirit in all of her activities. Beyond her service to eastern Long Island as a library employee, Terri Germano has dedicated time to the coordination of events for the Smith Point Beach Youth Project. Paul Casiano, as principal of Moriches Elementary School, has led them to become a National School of Excellence. Throughout his career, Paul Casiano has been an important link between his students and the community participating in both community and district activities. I would like to commend these dedicated members of the Long Island community for their service and dedication. We are proud and lucky to have them as neighbors.

TRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS NATIONWIDE

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who serve and protect our communities in Pennsylvania and across the Nation.

It is appropriate today to recognize these brave men and women, especially those in the Keystone State, because today is the 90th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police. The first police organization of its kind, the Pennsylvania State Police was born of legislation that was signed into law by Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker on May 2, 1905.

In speaking with many of my colleagues in the House, I know that the Pennsylvania State Police enjoy an excellent reputation throughout the country—especially for their vigilance in maintaining safe highway travel. I have even had a few staffers who, in their enthusiasm to arrive at events in the Fifth Congressional District on time, have come to fully appreciate the keenness of their watchful eyes.

But while ensuring safe going for motorists is one of our police officers' most commonly known duties, it only scratches the surface of their tremendous breadth of responsibility. In northwestern and northcentral Pennsylvania, we are appreciative of and committed to the rural way of life. By maintaining safe streets and peaceful neighborhoods, our State and local officers of the law contribute invaluable to the preservation of our heritage.

On this special day, I rise to honor those who serve, those who have served, and those who have given their lives to protect our families, neighborhoods and friends. They are deserving of our most sincere thanks, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize them here today.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL MARUYAMA

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a man who was a true American—a man who truly believed in and lived the ideals of this country—his name was Paul Maruyama.

He came to the United States from Japan in 1934 to complete his education. Shortly after the start of World War II he and his wife Mary were given 48 hours to sell their possessions and report for internment in a camp—they were both American citizens. During relocation after the war, Paul and his family settled in St. Louis.

Paul spent the rest of his life in St. Louis working to make our community a better place to live. He became an importer of Japanese products and a consultant for Japanese and American companies who desired to do business in each other's country. He was given the title of "Goodwill Ambassador" for his work in promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and his adopted country.

The list of his civic accomplishments is too long to enumerate but include: the founding of the Japan-American Society of St. Louis, serving as the honorary Consul-General of Japan, establishing the St. Louis Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League, conducting citizenship classes for Japanese who wanted to become citizens, and the establishment of the Sister Cities Program between Suwa City, Japan and St. Louis.

Paul's legacy is faith—faith in the values and ideals of this country. He never let his mistreatment during the war affect his attitude. He always believed this was the greatest nation in the world and loved and supported his adopted country every day. The St. Louis community has lost a good friend in Paul Maruyama—the United States of America has lost a true patriot.

TRIBUTE TO LEROY F. SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Leroy F. Smith, a man who has contributed greatly to the community of Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the New York public school system. He attended Boys High School in Brooklyn, and received a B.B.A. from Brooklyn College and his M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina.

Leroy has combined his academic training with community activism and professional experience to make meaningful contributions to my congressional district and greater Brooklyn.

Mr. Smith works tirelessly. Currently he serves as the president of a Bedford Stuyvesant tenant association, in addition to being the president of the Williamsburg-Throop-Marcus Garvey Blvd. Block Association. He is also a member of the 79th Precinct Community Council and the Willoughby Square Corporation. His past endeavors included service on the board of directors for the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corporation, and he is past president of various PTA organizations at Satellite East J.H.S., O.S. 44, and J.H.S. 258. Additionally, Mr. Smith served as a legislative aide to Assemblyman William F. Boyland, and he was one of 13 members of the Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality [CORE] who walked 250 miles to attend the 1973 March on Washington.

I am pleased to introduce Leroy Smith to my House colleagues and to congratulate him for his valuable service to the community.

ARON S. EGNER WINS AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest was